

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are numbered 1-8, and 11-26. Claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 19, 25, and 26 have been amended. Claims 9 and 27 have been canceled. The rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated November 4, 2004 have been carefully considered by the Applicants. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and allow the remaining claims.

§112 Rejection

The present Office Action rejected Claims 7, 8, and 11-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Applicants have herein amended Claims 7, 8, and 11-18 to correct the improper antecedent basis. Specifically, in Claims 7, 8, 25, and 26, the term "said window" has been changed to "a window" to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In addition, in Claim 11, the term "said source device" has been changed to "a source device" to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. As such, Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 7, 8, and 11-18 overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejection. Applicants respectfully request review and approval of these amendments.

NEWLY ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 11-18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant has herein amended independent Claim 11 to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter as discussed above. As a result, newly amended independent Claim 11 is now allowable, and as such Claims 12-18 which depend on independent Claim 11 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The present Office Action rejected Claims 1, and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being anticipated by Yoshimi (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,685).

NEWLY ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 2, 6, and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent Claim 1

Applicants have herein amended into independent Claim 1 the subject matter of Claim 9, which was cited on page 4 of the present Office Action as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, newly amended independent Claim 1 is now allowable over the prior art, and a discussion of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of that Claim is moot at this time. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 1, as amended, overcomes the Examiner's basis for rejection, and as such Claims 2-8 which depend on newly amended independent Claim 1 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

The present Office Action rejected Claims 7, 8, 19, 21-23, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Yoshimi reference.

With regards to dependent Claims 7 and 8, Claims 7 and 8 depend from independent Claim 1, now allowable as argued above. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 7 and 8 are in a condition for allowance as being dependent on allowable base Claim 1.

NEWLY ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 20, 24, and 27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent Claim 19

Applicants have herein amended into independent Claim 19 the subject matter of Claim 27, which was cited on page 4 of the present Office Action as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. As a result, newly amended independent Claim 19 is now allowable over the prior art, and a discussion of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of that Claim is moot at this time. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 19, as amended, overcomes the Examiner's basis for rejection, and as such Claims 20-26 which depend on newly amended independent Claim 19 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION


In light of the facts and arguments presented herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected Claims.

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-8, and 11-26 overcome the rejections of record. Therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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